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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2005. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant elects for prosecution in this application all claims of Group II as identified in the Office Action. Claims 8-16 are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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